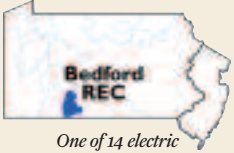


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FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Cooperative accolades



by Brooks Shoemaker
General Manager

Calhoun named Pennsylvania's Outstanding Youth Tour Student!

Adrian Calhoun of New Paris has been selected to represent Pennsylvania on the Youth Leadership Council (YLC) of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). In July, Adrian attended the YLC Conference in Wash-

ington, D.C. The conference focused on leadership and team-building exercises, meeting with Capitol Hill staff members who are alumni of NRECA's Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, and a competition to select the NRECA's National Youth Spokesperson.

While in Washington, D.C., the YLC members gained a broader understanding of cooperatives through their discussions with Glenn English, CEO of NRECA, Sheldon Petersen, governor of the National Rural Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC), and Bob Phillips, CEO of the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC). They also expanded their knowledge of the American political system and developed valuable leadership skills that will quickly transform the students of today into the leaders of tomorrow.

Adrian's electric co-op experience began in June when he attended Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., with over 1,500 high school students sponsored by local electric cooperatives from across the nation. The Pennsylvania Rural Electric



Adrian Calhoun

Association then selected Adrian to serve on the YLC for Pennsylvania and attend the Leadership Conference.

Calhoun, the 16-year-old son of H. Doyle Calhoun, attends Chestnut Ridge High

School. He plans to attend college to major in mass communications and journalism, with aspirations of becoming a sportscaster. He is active in his church, serves as a youth camp counselor, and enjoys hunting, camping, and weight lifting. Adrian has lettered in varsity football, sang in district chorus and earned the leading role in the school musical. Congratulations, Adrian!


Koontz wins PREA Eminent Service Award

C. Robert (Bob) Koontz was recently awarded the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association's (PREA) Eminent Service Award. This prestigious award recognizes his tireless dedication to Bedford



Awards Committee Chairman Craig Harting, left, presents C. Robert Koontz with the Eminent Service Award.

Rural Electric Cooperative's members, and his outstanding contribution to the rural electric program throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey, including his service on the Allegheny Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors.

Koontz has been a member of the cooperative for over 40 years, serving on his board since 1986, representing Colerain and Snake Spring townships. He currently serves as the board's vice president, and was the president from 2000-2004. Please join me in congratulating our 2009 Eminent Service Award winner! 

Moyers win Dairy Excellence Award

BY LINDA WILLIAMS

A BEDFORD Rural Electric Cooperative family has been presented a Dairy Excellence Award by the Center for Dairy Excellence, one of four such awards given in Pennsylvania this year. Awards are presented to farmers who are considering all options to improve profitability to build stronger, long-term dairy operations. The Moyer farm is owned by Glenn and Evelyn Moyer and their son, Matt, and his wife, Jenny.

To celebrate this honor, an open house was held in July at the Manns Choice farm with local dairy farmers turning out in good numbers to visit



FAMILY RECOGNIZED: A crowd gathers for the open house to recognize the Dairy Excellence Award presented to the Moyer family of Manns Choice. In the background is the only milking facility the Moyers need for more than 400 cows.



FAMILY FARMERS: Matt, Jenny, Glenn and Evelyn Moyer, owners of Moyer's Rolling Green Acres, are pictured along with Matt and Jenny's children, Anna and Reece.

Moyer's Rolling Green Acres at 1484 Corley Road.

Providing an opportunity to discuss best management practices, the Moyers presented some unique, but profitable, ideas, including reducing input costs.

The two couples own a seasonal grazing operation bought in 1995. They farm approximately 800 acres, including some land in Somerset County, and milk 400 head of cross-bred Jerseys, Holsteins and Swedish Reds in a 40-cow rotary parlor built in 2004. The farm had been operating as a beef cattle farm and the Moyers turned it into a total grazing operation.

With the exception of an old bank barn for calving, a very simple pre-constructed barn is the only building necessary for this operation. Because cows are out-wintered, the only housing facilities are for young calves.

Glenn said he began farming in the early 1980s with all registered Holsteins.

At the same time, a neighbor had all Jerseys. When Glenn saw the Jerseys grazing while the Holsteins hung around the watering hole, he decided to add some Jersey semen to his herd. Pleased with the results, he later added some Swedish Reds for hardiness.

The Moyers raise their own bulls and keep 17 that they put with the 400 cows. The cows are bred to go dry around January and they ship no milk for about six weeks. Seventy-two of the cows are milked only once a day and thus require fewer supplements.

Glenn reports that to date they have been able to find a market for their extra bull calves, getting about \$15 to \$20 each.

"We get them out of here fast," he says. "Otherwise they would eat into any profit. People buy them for various reasons. Last year, we had one lady who wanted 60 and that was fine with us."



NO BELLS OR WHISTLES: The milking equipment at the Moyers farm is simple, which keeps repairs to a minimum. Here, hired hand Joseph Tice shows the equipment. It takes about three hours twice a day to milk the 400 head of dairy cows, including cleanup.

The Moyers employ one full-time and three part-time milkers who appreciate the simplicity of the rotary-style milking parlor. Employee Joseph Tice said the Moyers purchased their equipment from Australia.

“They could not find an American-made milker that did not have a lot of bells and whistles,” he explains. “They knew that the more extras there are, the more there is to break down.”

The rotary milker has 40 milking stalls, and cows are let in through an automatic gate. It takes approximately two hours and 15 minutes to milk, with another 30 minutes for cleanup. The Moyers keep a good supply of necessary parts on hand at all times so the repairs can be made immediately.

A manure pit is pumped out on a regular basis.

Feeding only grass and hay with nutritional supplements, Glenn says his milking head of 400 requires five acres a feeding with a 30-day rotation.

“We hope to not have to feed hay in the summer, but if we don’t soon get some rain, it will be necessary,” he explains.

Evelyn adds that the system they have chosen to use requires very little machinery.

“We have a couple of old tractors and that is about it,” she says. “We didn’t have to finance machinery for the rest of our lives.”

A special presentation was given at the open house by Willy Geck, a friend of the family from New Zealand. The Moyers and the Gecks — Willy and Ron — met years ago at a farm meeting and have been friends ever since.

Willy, who said farmland in New Zealand brings about \$25,000 to \$30,000 per acre, explained that her homeland is primarily a farming country with 12,000 dairy farms that export about 95 percent of their products.

“Therefore,” she says, “if America gets a cold, New Zealand starts sneezing.” 🌪️

Tips for line drying

Q: How can I minimize wrinkles on line-dried clothes?

A: “Snap” the clothes. This shakes off debris and prevents wrinkling. You want to shake them one time so hard that they make a cracking sound. Hang the clothes carefully. You can even use a hanger on the clothesline to save yourself a step.

Q: What does vinegar have to do with laundry?

A: Adding one-half cup of vinegar to the rinse cycle of your washing machine saves you from buying a separate laundry softener. Vinegar works naturally to soften your laundry and has the added benefit of breaking down laundry detergent very effectively. This added benefit means less detergent-sensitive allergies for families who struggle with sensitive skin. Don’t be put off by the fragrance of vinegar. The odor disappears when vinegar dries. So go ahead and try a bottle of vinegar in place of your laundry softener.

Pay your bill online with E-Bill

Pay your bill each month by E-Bill! With the use of secure, state-of-the-art technology, it is a safe and convenient way to receive your bill. As a cooperative member, you now have the ability to view and pay your bill online!

As an E-Bill user, you will be notified every month by email that your bill is available to be viewed and paid. A link will be provided to take you directly to our website where you can log in and view your billing history, look at several different graphs to analyze your consumption, and ultimately select your method of payment using electronic check or VISA, MasterCard or Discover credit card. As an added convenience, meter readings can also be submitted through the E-Bill site, as a final step in the payment process or in a separate transaction.

With the ability to view your bill online in a printer-friendly version, E-Bill eliminates paper waste and the added cost of printing and mailing your bill. It's a fast and simple way to manage your electric bill and best of all, it's free!

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As a service to our members, Bedford Rural Electric needs to be aware of situations where special needs exist. Please provide the following details:

(Please print clearly)

Account: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Special Needs: Medical Farming/Livestock

Other _____

Each year, our goal is to provide service with no outages. Unfortunately, that is not a realistic expectation. Outages do occur, and especially during severe storms, service restoration may take several days or longer. Therefore, we strongly recommend that our members with special needs install standby backup generation equipment. Please contact our office for more information on this type of equipment.

TROUBLE CALL SCHEDULE

In case of trouble ...

- First Check your fuses or circuit breakers.
 - Second Check with your neighbors, if convenient, to see if they have been affected by the power failure.
 - Third **Call 24-hour number, 623-7568**
OR call 800/808-2732 during office hours
- (Please help us save money - only use this number if toll charges apply.)

Please give person receiving call your name as it appears on your bill, your telephone number and your map number if known. Any specific information about the outage will also be helpful in pinpointing the problem.

Alternate numbers ...

Greg Miller.....	Week of August 31.....	839-0037
Al Hileman	Week of September 7.....	766-9971
Jim Seymour	Week of September 14	839-2848
Ed Hankinson	Week of September 21	733-2495
Scott Bischof.....	Week of September 28	839-4640
Gary Lafferty	Week of October 5	842-9925

In case you cannot reach any of the above ... Call:

Jim Wood	Bedford.....	623-6121
James Clark	Everett	652-9791
Mark Rowan	Bedford.....	623-7890

During widespread power outages, many members are calling to report power failures, so you may receive a busy signal. Please be patient and try again in a few minutes.